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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FINDING  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2002 (Paper No. 9). Applicants are submitting a Request for Extension of Time (one-month). Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Applicants attach a page captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" showing all of the changes to the claims.

Please amend claims 29, 34, 35, 37, 39, 50, 54, 55, 57, 62, 63, 65-67, 76, 93, 94 and 96 as follows:

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29. (Amended) A method of finding queries having greatest-valued or least-valued results, comprising the steps of:
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